

I don't believe that deregulation has helped radio, and that further deregulating the ownership rules will do anything to improve the situation. Even 10 years ago, before the unbelievable rise of just a couple of radio conglomerates, there was at least SOME variety in what was available for public consumption. Music that would never be played now was available, as was talk radio from more than one corner of the political spectrum. Now, rather than presenting ideas, or creativity, it's all about what can provide the most profit with the least effort. Talk radio is a great example of this. Ten years ago, talk radio was filled with local shows which dealt with local and national affairs, and larger number of hosts provided a number of different viewpoints.

Relaxing the ownership rules has already begun to destroy radio. Please don't let this continue.